

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

amended to recite a photosensitive body "that is stretched over the rollers with a tension of 50 N applied across the width of the photosensitive body." This amendment clarifies that the body is stretched over the rollers with a tension of 50 N. The Specification has also been amended to clarify the tension of the present invention.

One of ordinary skill in the art would understand "50 N/cm or greater per unit length of the width of the photosensitive body" as originally written in the Specification to merely represent a force of 50 N acting in tension. Tension is defined as "the act or action of stretching or the condition or degree of being stretched to stiffness," by a defined force. *See, Webster's Third New International Dictionary*, 1993. Even though as originally written the Specification and claims states the tension in units of N/cm, one of ordinary skill in the art would have understood the disclosure to merely define the tension force expressed in Newtons (N) per a metric width, expressed in centimeters (cm), *i.e.* "a tension of 50 N [per] cm or greater per unit length of the width of the photosensitive body." Furthermore, as originally written, "per unit length of the width" is superfluous, the Specification and claims have been amended to clarify the tension of the present invention. The amendments to the Specification and claims do not present new matter.


In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraw the rejection to the claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that claims 1-4, 6-11 and 13-24 are in condition for allowance and is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all pending claims be allowed.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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